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SUBJECT: CISCO III

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1. VIEW REFTEL, WE FEEL OBLIGED TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PLF POLITICAL LEADER OSMAN SALEH SABBE EXERCISES NO RPT NO INFLUENCE OVER PLF MILITARY TYPES WHO ARE HOLDING CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. THIS IS EVEN MORE CERTAIN FOLLOWING RECENT KHARTOUM MEETING AT WHICH PLF MILITARY AND POLITICAL WINGS FAILED TOTALLY TO RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND IN FACT WOUND UP FARTHER APART THAN EVER (KHARTOUM 896). PLF REPS WHO TOLD US MARCH 3 OF DECISION TO RELEASE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL WERE MILITARY REPS CONVEYING DECISION MADE BY MILITARY LEADERS, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING TOP MILITARY CHIEF ISAIAS AFEWORK. SABBE'S EARLIER AND SEPARATE ASSURANCES TO CONGRESSMAN REUSS, ON OTHER HAND, WERE MADE WITH NO AUTHORITY WHATEVER.

2. GIVEN SEEMINGLY IRRECONCILABLE ESTRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
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TWO WINGS OF PLS AND PERSONAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN SABBE AND

AFEWORK, WE CANNOT IMAGINE HOW USG APPROACH TO FORMER
COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING TOWARD LIBERATION OF CAMPBELL
AND HARRELL (MUCH LESS MICHALKE). WHILE THE EFFORT MIGHT
BE APPRECIATED BY CONGRESSMAN REUSS AND RELATIVES OF
HOSTAGES, THE OVERRIDING DANGER IS THAT AFEWORK, IF HE
GETS WIND EVEN OF OUR ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS HOSTAGE ISSUE
WITH RIVAL SABBE, COULD FURTHER DELAY RELEASE CAMPBELL AND
HARRELL OUTOF PIQUE AND IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE TO US AND
OTHERS WHERE POWER LIES.

3. IF IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO SEEK ADDITIONAL
CONTACTS ELSEWHERE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN INSTEAD
TO SEEKING OUT PLF MILITARY RPT MILITARY REPS, PERHAPS IN
JIDDA, TO FOLLOW UP ON ASSURANCES GIVEN HERE MARCH 3.

4. WHATEVER DEPARTMENT DECIDES, REQUEST WE BE AUTHORIZED
INFORM SUDANESE AS SOON AS CONTACT WITH PLF HAS TAKEN PLACE.
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